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Exemption No. 7861A
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2002-12253

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Dear Mr. Seltzer:

This is in response to your August 22, 2002, telephone conversation with Denise Emrick of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of Rulemaking, regarding the relief provided to Continental Airlines, Inc. (Continental), under Exemption No. 7861. That exemption from § 121.440(a) and (b)(3), and Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) 58, paragraph 6(b)(3)(ii)(A), of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits Continental to meet line check requirements using an alternative line check program.

The FAA notes that Continental was inadvertently granted relief from § 121.440(b)(3). The FAA finds that Continental requires relief from § 121.440(a) and SFAR 58, paragraph 6(b)(3)(ii)(A). Therefore, Exemption No. 7861 will be amended to provide the correct relief.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested amendment to the exemption would not set a precedent and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to Continental.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 7861 remains valid with respect to this exemption.

In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. §§ 40113 and 44701 delegated to me by the Administrator, Exemption No. 7861 is hereby amended by providing relief from 14 CFR § 121.440(a) and SFAR 58, paragraph 6(b)(3)(ii)(A).

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All other conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 7861 remain the same. This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 7861.

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Sincerely,

/s/

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